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CITY-WIDE MEN'S MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 3

Mr. William Pickens, New York City Field Secretary for the N. A. A. C. P., will be the speaker at the Men's Meeting Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00 p. m. 1000 men expect to hear Dean Pickens on the great subject of "Race & Self Respect."

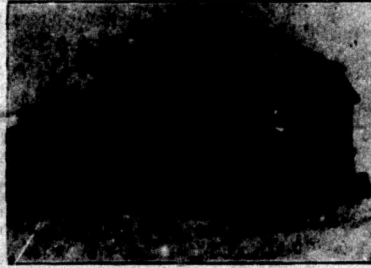
The "A Capella Quartette" and the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will render special music.

Doors open at 3:30 p. m. Meeting begins at 4:00 o'clock sharp and will last one hour and 20 minutes. Those who plan to hear Mr. Pickens are advised to be present at 4:00 o'clock sharp. Remember standing room will be at a premium Sunday afternoon for men. Dr. H. C. Tinsley, presiding; Dr. Jas. Bracy, will conduct devotionals.

Mr. Pickens is one of the most scholarly men of the race. He is an honor student from Yale; having won possibly more honors than any one student of said University. He has held chairs in some two or three of our leading Colleges, was Dean at Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., from which position he joined the staff of the N. A. A. C. P. Mr. Pickens is one of our great orators; a man whose fame upon the American platform will equal that of J. C. Price, Henry McNeal Turner and the like. Men! It's a real privilege and a great opportunity to hear this trained mind with a world of experience discuss—"Racial Self Respect."

RAILROAD "Y" ORCHESTRA AT PINE STREET SUNDAY

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will render special instrumental music at the Men's Meeting Sunday afternoon. The "Y" has been fortunate in securing Orchestral contributions for the Sunday afternoon meetings this season. This will be the third: Poro College Orchestra, White's Symphony Orchestra, which rendered such splendid music at the last Sunday's Program and the one just mentioned for Sunday May 3rd.



Proposed Elliceville Building West of Grand Avenue

DEVELOPMENT FUND NEWS

We note with interest that the Detroit Y. M. C. A. is about to enter a \$5,000,000 campaign May 4th-14. The purpose of the Campaign is to raise money with which to build seven new buildings. The city has been carefully surveyed and subdivided into districts, and buildings are to be put in all of these districts. A delegation of 15 men, one of whom is chairman of the Pine Street Branch, has been sent to Detroit to make inspirational addresses on Sunday, May 3rd. This campaign supersedes the St. Louis campaign by two million dollars and now stands as the largest campaign ever attempted by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Now this calls to mind the new building which was recently opened in Detroit for Colored men and boys. It also makes us think anew of the building that is to be erected for Colored men and boys in St. Louis in the near future. The Colored people of Detroit met fully the obligation placed upon them in connection with the St. Antoine Branch building. No more thoroughly, however, than we in St. Louis will meet the obligation which we so gallantly accepted in connection with the proposed building west of Grand avenue. The following paragraphs taken from a report of the General Secretary, tells of the building progress to date.

"LaBaume and Klein are now in the process of writing the detailed specifications (Continued on Page 3)

SGT. SAMUEL COPELAND, GREAT HERO, TO TELL STORY OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT AT MEN'S MEETING SUNDAY

Sgt. Samuel Copeland, Veteran of the Philippine Insurrection who was recently awarded a distinguished medal for bravery by the war department of the United States of America, will tell the story of his daring gallantry at the Men's Meeting at Pine Street Sunday May 3rd. Every man likes to listen to a real hero. Hear this soldier whose fame has been made anew and heralded to the four corners of the earth for his bravery and loyalty to the Stars and Stripes.

Y. M. C. A. TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY WITH FITTING PROGRAM

Mother's Day observance at Pine St. Y. M. C. A. will reflect grandeur in all of its details as a tribute to the Loving Mothers of St. Louis and the world.

Mrs. Josephine M. Norcom, Executive Secretary of the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A., Cincinnati, Ohio has accepted invitation to deliver the principal address. The subject: "Youth—The Hope of the World." Mrs. Norcom is a woman of great intellectual acquirements, having spent many years in moulding the minds of the Youths of our City Schools in Virginia, during which time she studied in leading Eastern University—Post Graduate Summer Schools. As a Y. W. C. A. Secretary, her efficiency registers excellently as is very easily ascertained by the splendid organized piece of Association work among girls and women of Cincinnati and the great esteem in which she is held by the General, Associate and under Secretaries of both groups as well as the Directors and National Boards.

MOTHER HEAD SECURES FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Laura Head, Matron and beloved mother at Pine St., has recently equipped and supplied necessities for the administering of First Aid to any of her sons at the "Y" who might be taken ill. She is a real mother to the fellows at Pine Street.

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Editorials

THE IDEAL SECRETARY OF A YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The following points are taken from a personality sketch of Lester C. Haworth General Secretary of the St. Louis Association, and appearing in the January 1925 Association Men. It is thought that by placing this material in the hands of younger secretaries of the brotherhood that it may serve a self-measuring means for growth in the secretaryship. This article is published and distributed as a compliment to its former General Secretary by the Young Men's Christian Association of Youngstown, Ohio.

1 He possesses to a marked degree business sagacity and inflexible integrity.

2 He submerges his own personality in the interests of the cause with which he is identified.

3 He has sense of humor and a ready wit which make it comfortable to work with him.

4 Instead of being brutally frank he is tactfully honest—another way of saying he respects the feelings of others.

5 He is a good listener and can sympathetically see a problem from the other man's point of view.

6 He is sensitive to criticism but not soured by it.

7 He sees things clearly himself and is able to get others to see them.

8 He habitually tackles tasks with the question, "Is there not a bigger and better thing to do?"

9 He does not have the earmarks of a professional religionist.

10 He does not belong to the type of religious leaders who work best by making a great display and considerable noise—he works always with an ease which inspires respect and confidence.

11 He has a natural attractive dignity.

12 He is a man of vision and of an ever widening horizon.

MAY CLOSES THE SUNDAY MEETING SEASON

The 1924-25 season of Sunday meetings conducted by the Religious Work Department of the "Y" will close with Sunday, May 31st.

1924-1925 CALENDAR
OCTOBER 1924

5th—Dr. D. A. Harshaw, Quincy, Illinois speaker. Subject: "Vicarious Services" Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, Soloist. Attendance 100.

12th—Pres. N. B. Young, Lincoln Univ. Missouri, speaker. Subject: "In What Hast Thou Invested?" Mrs. Olivette Smith, Soloist. Attendance 150.

19th—Mr. L. C. Haworth, Gen. Sec'y. "Y" St. Louis, Speaker. Subject: "Laziness, Its Cause and Cure." Miss Ruth Minor, Soloist. Mrs. Jas. H. Easter, Soloist. Attendance 200.

26th—Dr. C. H. Tobias, New York, Senior Sec. Colored Men's Department Y. M. C. A. Subject: "Do We Still Need Christ?" Mrs. Hazel Gilles, Soloist. Attendance 350. Total attendance for October 800.

NOVEMBER 1924

2nd—Dr. Geo. R. Dodson, St. Louis, Church of the Unity, Speaker. Subject: "The Function of Prayer in a Growing Life." Mrs. Leon W. Steward, Soloist. Attendance 150.

9th—Mr. Chas. S. Morris, Jr., Chicago, Speaker. Subject, "The New Emancipation." Pullman Porter's Quartette sang. Attendance 500.

16th—Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Washington, D. C., Editor Journal Negro History "The Negro in History." Dr. Clement Scott, Soloist. Attendance 450.

23rd—Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Speaker, Wilberforce, Ohio. Subject: "Not Gifts, but Opportunities." Mr. G. E. Randall, Soloist. Attendance 400.

30th—Rev. B. F. Abbott, Speaker, St. Louis. Subject: "Men or Grasshoppers, Which?" Union Memorial Choir sang. Attendance 250.

Total attendance for November 1750
DECEMBER 1924

7th—Dr. Paul R. Allen St. Louis, Hope Congregational Church, Speaker. Subject: "The Faith for This Age." Mr. Chas. A. Bull Soloist. Attendance 110.

14th—Dr. Noah W. Williams, St. Paul Church, Speaker. Subject: "The Two Great Factors." St. Paul A. M. E. Choir sang. Attendance 450.

21st—Christmas Service. Dr. Chas. W. Tadlock, Speaker, Centenary M. E. Church, City. Subject: "The Christmas Message." St. Louis Glee Club sang. Attendance 500. Total attendance for December 1060.

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BIBLE STUDY

For the last shall be first and the first last; for many be called but few chosen. Matt 20:16. Subject for Sunday. "What Determines the Value of a Man?" Led by Mr. Charles L. Young, of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company.

What is Jesus' basis for estimating the value of men?

Is the tendency of Modern Life toward a lower or higher valuation of the individual?

What makes you think so?

Study these questions for further information read: Luke 15:1-32; 16:19-31; 17:1-6; 11:19; Matt. 20:1-16; 25:31-45.

Come and bring a friend.

Last Sunday's lesson: "Why Christian Religion?" By Rev. J. B. Wilkins was wonderful. Many questions were asked and answered by the men. Such as: Ques. Is Christian Religion failing? Ans. No, Christian religion shall never fail, but men are failing to live up to the Christian obligations. After all is said and done, the man who practices the golden rule shall not want. He will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

"A CAPELLA QUARTETTE" MAKES DEBUT AT "Y" SUNDAY MEETING MAY 3RD

The "A Capella Quartette" will make its first public appearance at the Men's Meeting Sunday, May 3rd, 4:00 o'clock.

Following is the personnel:

1st Tenor—W. M. Gillespie
2nd Tenor—R. S. McWorter
Baritone—R. C. Jackson
Bass—Jno. W. Evans.

Their Program

Po' Little Lamb
De Back-Sliding Brudder
Down Souf to Die
Tenor Solo (Selected)
Mr. Gillespie.

This one feature will be quite a treat for the men who attend.

DR. HARRISON'S LECTURE GREAT CONTRIBUTION

Rabbi Leon Harrison, of Temple Israel brought an excellent message to the 500 citizens, members and friends of the Y. M. C. A. on last Sunday afternoon. Dr. Harrison's lecture was educational. Speaking from the subject of "Self-Culture." He enunciated the many avenues through which men and women could grow larger and broader along intellectual lines, leading to the realm of culture and refinement, service and happiness.

White's Symphony Orchestra rendered sweet strains of melody, soothing in harmony and charming in variation. The music was indeed a unique contribution to the service.

CHICAGO "Y" VOLLEY BALL TEAM HERE MAY 9TH

The Wabash Ave. Y. M. C. A. of Chicago will be the next opponents of Pine Street Varsity Volley Ball Team. The game will be staged Saturday May 9th and it promises to be the hardest fight our boys have had.

Howard Lindsey who up to a few months ago was one of our star players is now the leading smasher on the Windy City Team. He has been assisting Mr. Crawford in coaching the Chicago team and writes that they have a combination that should defeat Pine Street.

Captain Hancock and his champions are not resting on their past laurels. The team is working hard three times a week and they will be able to show at their best when Chicago arrives.

The visiting team will arrive here Friday, May 8th, we will show them a pleasant time and incidentally show them that St. Louis rightfully claims the Volley Ball Championship of the Middle West.

LOUISVILLE TRIP MAY 14-15-16

We have accepted the invitation of Chestnut Street "Y" to visit them at Louisville Friday, May 15th. The long pilgrimage will start around midnight, May 14th arrive in Louisville early Friday and play Friday night.

The Noonday Volley Ball Class extends its usual invitation to all its friends and rooters to accompany them on this trip. This will be a hard game as Louisville is capable of playing a much better game than they displayed here, and we will need all our loyal supporters to help us defeat them. All who care to make this trip kindly get in touch with Mr. Woodson at the "Y" immediately.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BINGLING BROTHERS CIRCUS

Beginning in 1920 in a modest way, Bingling Brothers Circus has achieved thru the efforts of Messrs. L. P. Garrett, Wm. Moten, W. C. Woodson, ably assisted by the secretarial staff at Pine Street, the Physical Department Committee and most of our local institutions its present magnitude.

From a mere handful of mediocre performers, we now have, through five years of strenuous work cabined over 290 of the world's best gymnastics, clown trained and wild animals.

HAZEL HARRISON NOTED ARTIST TO APPEAR AT PORO COLLEGE MAY 3RD

The Young Ladies Glee Club of St. Louis announces the appearance of Miss Hazel Harrison, noted pianiste to Chicago, in Joint Recital at Poro College Auditorium, Tuesday, May 5th, 8:00 p. m. This promises to be the most excellent Musical feature of the season.

COMMONWEALTH CLUB

Fellowship Club will conduct "Stunt Night" Friday, May 1st at 8:15 p. m. in the Club Room at Pine Street Y. M. C. A.

A great treat awaits each member of the Club who attends. Mr. Cherry is chairman of this committee. Last Friday night was Social Nite and Mr. Smith conducted an evening of thrilling Social and Recreational entertainment. Many were present and each enjoyed the evening. A Duet from the "Colored Working Girl's Home," sang two Musical numbers. Mr. Williams is chairman of Social Committee.

DEVELOPMENT FUND NEWS

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tions for the downtown building. It is expected that within a few days we will be ready to ask for bids. Unless something unforeseen happens we ought to break ground sometime in May. After careful deliberation on the part of the General Building Committee and the Carondelet Building Committee, the firm of Study and Farrar has been retained as architects will then be free to proceed. The preliminary sketches are now being studied and within a few days the general plans will have been approved. The architects will then be free to proceed with the detailed specifications. It is hoped that this contract may be let and ground broken before September 1st."

MISS LILLIAN WILKINS, STENOGRAPHER BUSINESS DEPARTMENT CONVALESCING

Miss Lillian Wilkins, of the Business Department of Pine Street, who has been ill for more than two weeks, is reported in a state of convalescence. She recently underwent a successful operation for appendicitis. Miss Wilkins has the best wishes of the whole Pine St. family for her speedy recovery.

CIRCUS HERE APRIL 30— MAY 1 & 2 20 HIGH GRADE ACTS

WILD ANIMALS
DARING ACROBATS
"WELLIE" THE DANCING ELEPHANT
THREE BANDS
DANCING GIRLS
Y. W. C. A. GIRLS
"GWEN" THE EDUCATED DOG
DODO—THE TRAINED MONKEY
15 FUNNY CLOWNS
THE TUMBLING CLOWNS
YEATMAN HIGH SCHOOL PYRAMID TEAM

DRILL ARTISTA
LONG WAND DRILL
SIAMSESE TWINS
THE HUMAN FROG
"ZIBY"—THE STRONG MAN
WOODEN SOLDIER DRILL
"ZULU"—THE WILD GIRL
CHARIOT RACE

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Dear Fellow Member:

Will you make a special effort this month to sign up one or more of your friends for the special Summer Membership?—Three months for \$3.00.

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All privileges of a full Senior membership from now until one year from the first of next month, will be given to you for one year's fee of \$10.00. (Terms if desired).

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ST. LOUIS MUSICAL ASSOCIATION TO RENDER ANNUAL CONCERT AT PINE ST. "Y"

Mrs. Adelaide M. Herriot, President of the St. Louis Musical Association announces the annual concert of the Association for Sunday May 17th, at Pine St. "Y" Auditorium 4:00 p. m.

The principal feature of the Concert will be "Blue's Concert Band" supported by other very splendid Musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental. The public is invited to attend this Grand Musicales.

BOYS DIVISION NEWS

THE HONOR ROLL

Week of April 20th

Midgets—Hugh Carroll, Clifton Bailey, John Greek, Milton Moore, Samuel Johnson, Raymond Hayes, Burleson English, Walthall Moore, Edward White, William McCall, Theodore Brime, John Smith, George Graham, Wardell Newman, Willie Jenkins and Jerome Brown.

Juniors—Edward Coburn and Joe Turner.

Seniors—Harry McCall, Benson Hall, Hollister Kennedy, Otto Waters, Artie Simms and Chas. Blackshear.

Leaders—Elijah Baker, Wilbert Culp, Robert Williams, and Alvin Golda.

A BOY'S MOTHER

The Boys' Division will begin its annual celebration of Mother and Son Week Monday. During next week every boy is expected to think a little more about "Mother." And these thoughts are to result in such evidence of his love and loyalty to his own mother that he will (1) be a bit more thoughtful of her (2) obey her a bit more willingly, cheerfully and completely (3) help her more about the house (4) say nice things and bring nice things to her (5) make most of his prayers for her happiness and welfare. So that a boy might be better prepared for this wonderful week, the Life Builders Club has arranged an excellent Pre-Mothers Week Program for Sunday May 3rd, a big Mothers Day Celebration Sunday, May 10th, and a big MOTHER AND SON BANQUET FRIDAY, MAY 15TH — DON'T MISS THEM.

SUNDAY 3:00 P. M.

"A BOY'S MOTHER" will be the subject to be discussed at Life Builders Club Sunday at 3 p. m. Besides a Piano Solo by Alvin Golda, a violin selection and a Poem, there will be given an excellent short talk by an outstanding speaker. Every Mother-loving boy is expected to be present.

HEARD ON A HIKE

Theodore Brime, as the 24 pulled into Chain of Rocks—"Mr. Steward, when is the next hike?"

"When do we eat?" Willie Walker's National Anthem.

Hiker—Where is Alvoyd, he signed up?

Clarence—Somebody told him that he would have to walk a bit and he backed out.

"You can't kid Didd—It's already been done to him."

"If beans were wisdom, Leonard Cooper would be a genius."

"Going down," said Ed. Bruin as his foot slipped while pushing dirt down on those below—but he couldn't stop—until he neared the creek below.

"Preston sure can eat"—anything.

"Maups" sure can mop up with dogs.

"I wouldn't a worn my sister's shoes if I'd known all about this."—Wardell.

"This is the life—woods n'everything"—Waide.

Walking is great until you strike the up-grade—ask Casey and Donahue.

Hogens really got his four-bits worth—eating.

"Bacon and Eggs for breakfast just suits Herbert, Alvin and Burleson.

Like not to have been any bacon and eggs for Ed. White and Brown.

We had a great time, you should have been along.

"PRAYER"—BY A BOY

Many people seem to think that prayer means simply petition or supplication—asking God to Forgive some sin, take away a sickness or sorrow. Prayer is not beseeching God; it is communion with God.

Through prayer the world may be conquered, mountains moved. When we pray with God the way may be found to do this by the following quotation: "But after some direction. A real 'Ye 'Y'er.

thou, when thou prayest enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee."

When one has learned from these words when to pray, the next is how to pray.

Prayer doesn't mean using thou, thee and thy, but praying in your own words, asking God for the things you need; for help with the temptations you have; and for strength to live clean and strong. God will listen to a boy with a plain speaking tongue, and sincere heart sooner or as soon as a person with high sounding words. "God's a spirit; And they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

To the average boy this seems weakly and unmanly but to pray is one of the most manly things that can be done. Just think Washington at Valley Forge, Lincoln's praying during the Civil War. Praying Foot Ball Team of Center College! Marshall Foch's praying! And we would think that these strong men would need no help from God but they needed it just as we do for "All Things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Think these few words over with the following prayer tonight you may have some consolation: "God teach me to pray in my own natural way."

By LOUIS B. WHITE,

President of Junior Hi-Y.

BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS

Now look who's captain of the Drill Team. "I wonder what's become of Eddie"—Fired.

Say fellows, have you met Little Ol' North or South one. He is named "Ye 'Y'er.

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